

• ALL THE ARMS WE NEED •



"THE STATE IS FORCE. NAY, IT IS THE PARADING OF FORCE. IT DOES NOT PROPOSE TO WIN LOVE OR TO MAKE CONVERTS; IF IT PUTS ITS FINGER INTO ANYTHING, IT DOES SO ONLY IN AN UNFRIENDLY WAY; FOR ITS ESSENCE CONSISTS NOT IN PERSUASION, BUT IN COMMAND & COMPULSION. HOWEVER MUCH PAIN IT MAY TAKE, IT CANNOT CONCEAL THE FACT THAT IT IS THE LEGAL MAIMER OF OUR WILL, THE CONSTANT NEGATION OF OUR LIBERTY. EVEN WHEN IT COMMANDS THE GOOD, IT MAKES THIS VALUELESS BY COMMANDING IT; FOR EVERY COMMAND SLAPS LIBERTY IN THE FACE; AS SOON AS THE GOOD IS COMMANDED, IT IS TRANSFORMED INTO EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE TRUE (THAT IS, HUMAN, BY NO MEANS DIVINE) MORALITY, OF THE DIGNITY OF MAN, OF LIBERTY; FOR MAN'S LIBERTY, MORALITY, AND DIGNITY CONSIST PRECISELY IN DOING THE GOOD NOT BECAUSE HE IS COMMANDED TO BUT BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES IT, WILLS IT, AND LOVES IT."

— MIKHAIL BAKUNIN



A government that will not create its own money, but borrows it from private banks, at interest, while at the same time allowing these financial institutions to create money for the public, at interest -- both with the sole purpose of profit before people -- is the most fraudulent and illegitimate government imaginable.

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"...Some die because they cannot eat at all. Pray tell me what these last have to lose by becoming thieves. And why shall they not become thieves? And is the action of a man who takes the necessities which have been denied to him really a criminal? Is he morally worse than the man who crawls in a cellar and dies of starvation? I think not. He is only a little more assertive..."

"But, you say, and say truly, 'to begin by taking loaves means to end by taking everything and murdering, too, very often.' And in that you draw the indictment against your own system. If there is no alternative between starving and stealing (and for thousands there is none) then there is no alternative between society murdering its members, or the members disintegrating society. Let society consider its own mistakes, then: let it answer itself for all these people it has robbed and killed: let it cease its own crimes first!" — Voltarine De Cleyre

Welcome to Show Me the MONEY! 25

Not long ago I received a letter addressed to 'Show Me the MONEY!' directly from the Oregon Department of Corrections. Operations Division 2575 Center Street N.E., Salem, OR. 97301- 4667. Telephone # (503) 945-0950 FAX: (503) 373-1173). Dated October 13th, 2006.

It read as follows:

"RE: Publications
Dear Sir or Madam:

The Oregon Department of Corrections requires new publications to be sent directly from the publisher [That's me, the editor and publisher of *Show Me the MONEY!*, Tony Hunnicutt].

A publisher is defined in the rule on *Mail (Inmate)* as, "a business, organization, or firm that issues and makes available to the public (*generally for sale and wide distribution*) magazines, newspapers, books and other publications. For the purposes of these rules, "publisher" includes approved publications suppliers or distributors that are *not a storefront and have highly restricted public access*.

Please include the following information so that we may be able to assess whether your *organization* should be recognized as an *approved publisher* and place you on the list of *authorized publishers*:

1. Business/organization/firm name and telephone number and or email address of the publishing company:
2. Business/organization/firm registry number and/or tax identification number of the publishing company:
3. Does the publishing company have a wide distribution network (i.e. available at most bookstores and/or distributed nationally)?
4. Is the inventory and access to the inventory and shipping department controlled and not open to the public (i.e. can the public come in contact with the publications prior to to shipping)?

Once we receive this information your business/organization/firm we can determine whether or not *your organization* meets ODOC criteria for publisher/distributor. If you are placed on the list of approved publisher/distributors, future issues of your

Thanks to Brian Kvenvolden, #397641, SCI 100 Corrections Drive, Stanley, Wisc. 54786-6500 for the Masthead artwork (a much scaled-down version of the original)

TODAY MOTHER EARTH WILL CLAIM BACK WHAT IS HERS! TODAY HER BOWELS WILL OPEN AND FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WILL SPEW FORTH UPON THE CURSED CITY!



TODAY IS DOOMSDAY!

Map 1: The NAFTA corridors



Pushing the Clock Hands Back

Important bloated men squat on the facts thinking they can hide them with their weight: men who think their power like King Canute ordering the sea to behave, can abolish the eons slow inexorable rise of mountains, the branching and dying of species, wind and water that will grind the Himalayas to dust.

They lean on the hands of the cosmic clock protesting time itself, legislating false history. Time does not end. Only civilizations mad with power and drunk with riches, building war machines that drain hope and money from the poor and the formerly middle class which is itself going extinct.

Time does not end, but species do. Let us vote and rejoice to join our relatives the dodo, the great auk and tyrannosaurus. Time wears all egos down to blowing dust although presidents, CEOs and preachers stand tall and wave their bravado like a red cape trying to stop the change. It always comes. --- Marge Piercy

ment." --- Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, the first self-labeled anarchist

"The main question ... is not what motive inspired the law, but what it will be possible for men of bad motive to do with the law ..." --- Benjamin R. Tucker

"Governments and the military purport to protect the public from enemies, and if there were no enemies they would have to invent some, for the simple purpose of rationalizing their existence" --- Laurance Labadie, son of Joseph Labadie

"The State is said by some to be a necessary evil; it must be made unnecessary." --- Benjamin R. Tucker, "Liberty's Declaration of Purpose"

"We see that not only is the emperor naked -- he is a murderer, tyrant, brigand, liar, and bungler." --- James W. Harris

"I not only think that they (U.S. leaders) are misguided, but I think they know exactly what they are doing and I think that they are men who are possessed of evil." --- Harry Belafonte

In other words, don't bother the people whose work I have used in SMT\$! for things I am responsible for.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

With all the criminal activities on Wall Street, in Congress, in the "justice" system from Attorney General of the United States on down the line, with few charges brought (and fewer convictions obtained) makes me realize that if you or I broke even one of the "laws" on the books we would immediately be placed behind bars for an arbitrarily long sentence based not on any thoughts or concerns about rehabilitation or any other grand design! These arbitrarily long sentences are based purely on political motivations! And these political motivations have to do with a persons politics, socio-economic status (class), color, and probably a number of other things I am forgetting at this time. Just remember that many crimes are created by society and many prison sentences are arbitrary and based on politics. There is weighty truth in many of the following quotes:

"I build no system. I ask an end to privilege, the abolition of slavery, equality of rights, and the reign of law. Justice, nothing else. That is the alpha and omega of my argu-



publications will be allowed into our institutions *after the standard content review.* [all italics mine, ed.]

If you have any questions..." blah, blah, blah...

"Randy Geer
Central Mail Administrator
Oregon Department of Corrections

CC: file"

THIS is straightforward, unadulterated, in-your-face, no-holds barred, censorship.

It is obvious from the above that the prison system does not want the small press in the prison system and that it appears likely that prisoners are forced to *buy* the "magazines, newspapers, books and other publications (generally for sale and wide distribution)" from large distributors.

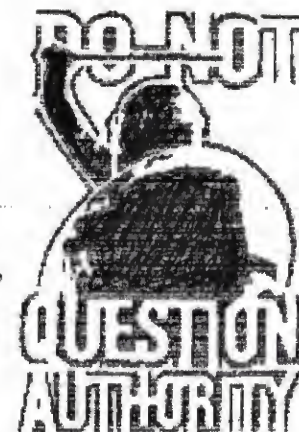
I'd like to know who made up the "Mail (Inmate)" rules. We certainly don't want the natives to get restless now, do we? Give them People, US and the Inquirer magazines. Don't give them anything that stretches their thinking or the way they see the world. To have them contemplate and meditate beyond their own personal responsibility into the social, drug, employment, economic, monetary, religious and other political & cultural factors around them is somehow wrong!

What grand law places YOU -- Oregon Department of Corrections -- in the position to determine what inmates can or cannot read. At first I thought it might be some form of authoritarian paternalism, but immediately dismissed such thinking. I believe it is based on fear and I suspect with good reason.

Even though the education system with its "No Child Left Behind" programs is doing a good job of dumbing people down some people still can read! Just as there were laws against reading for the chattel slaves of the antebellum south, so it is for those growing up not so well to do in the 21st century, although these laws will be unwritten and based on income. According to Ken Goodman, et. al., from "Ten Alarming facts About No Child Left Behind," in *Saving Our Schools* (pgs.,7-8): "Within a neoconservative movement to privatize all aspects of American society, a heavily funded and well-organized campaign has created NCLB [No Child Left Behind] to discredit and destroy public education. There is no other explanation for the impossible, destructive conditions it imposes on the nation's schools... Many highly professional teachers are leaving teaching or taking early retirement to escape being required to conform to aspects of the law that make it impossible to teach in the best interests of their pupils." What frightens you, ODOC, is an educated people, a people who can read and write. Thus your "Mail (Inmate)" rules committee!

I can see the "Mail (Inmate)" rules committee discussing the "rules" and making a decision that should such "rabble" get any ideas that *they can change their situation or circumstances* after prison for themselves, their families and their children, why, they may never come back! These prisoners are your "bread and butter" aren't they? They keep you employed! I think the "Mail (Inmate)" rules committee appears to want prisoners to learn their criminal skills and trades better in prison so that they will return to prison eventually.

"The State is itself the most gigantic criminal extant. It manufactures criminals much faster than it punishes them." --- Benjamin R. Tucker



"Our prisons are filled with criminals which our virtuous State has made what they are by its iniquitous laws, its grinding monopolies, and the horrible social conditions that result from them. We enact many laws that manufacture criminals, and then a few that punish them." --- Benjamin R. Tucker

I do not want, I do not seek, and do not care about being "recognized as an approved publisher and being placed ... on the list of authorized publishers." You people make me sick. And very few people make me feel so thoroughly disgusted.

I ask that you send me the "Mail (Inmate)" rules and "after the standard content review" of the rules, I will send them back to you. After you have shown me proof that you have implemented the appropriate changes and deletions I have decided upon, I will begin sending you future issues of 'Show Me the MONEY!' to your institutions!



Not long after the letter above, I received a letter along with the yellow 'prisoner copy' of the 'Maine Department of Corrections, Maine Correctional Center: Notice of Non-Allowable Property' form. The yellow 'prisoner copy' which this inmate received (and sent to me) reported that the following action had been taken by the mail-room Processing Officer, in accordance with Department of Corrections Policy 21.2, which was that the issue of *Show Me the MONEY!* #24 that I had sent to him had been "disposed of as being unacceptable due to their content or due to being received from other than a publisher."

This notice of rejection was then followed by a zine sent to me by the *South Chicago ABC Zine Distro* (see zine review section for full review of the zines sent by *South Chicago ABC*) written by Harold H. Thompson titled "They Will Never Get Us All!" In this zine he discusses his lawsuit [a lawsuit for Chrissake for 1st amendment rights in the land 'o the free, ed.] against the state of Tennessee (Thompson vs. Campbell, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Corrections). What Harold describes is pretty much what is outlined in the Oregon Department of Corrections letter with a "Publishers-Only" rule which stipulates that no individual, small not-for-profit distributors, self-publishers, prison book services publications to a prisoner.

Prisoners are supposed to have the same rights as ordinary citizens except those expressly removed from them due to imprisonment. Prisoners' ability to think and choose is not removed when the prison gates close behind them. And some prisoners even retain the right to vote! Harold poses some valid questions when he asks:

- is there a legitimate penological or neutral government objective associated with the publishers-only rule?
- Do prisoners have a legitimate interest in receiving political literature of their choice, embracing a politic of their choice, and communicating freely with those of similar beliefs as long as they don't break the law in any way?
- Because a prisoners politics are abrasive to prison officials does this give them the authority to restrict access to certain forms of literature?
- Is any of the material obscene and how is 'obscenity' judged and by whose standards?

Finally, Harold recognizes the obvious that everything in a penal setting is regulated, which is needed to maintain order. Everything but thought. And this is the goal of these Orwellian "1984" thought control "Publisher-Only" rules. Re-educating prisoners along the lines of the defunct soviet and Chinese and Soviet camps. Give them pabulum to read and hero stories about the "wild west" and other crap. Don't give

cool 8 1/2x2 1/2" serfs up! stickers (union made).

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Arise! Resource Center and Bookstore, 2441 Lyndale Ave. So. Mpls., MN. 55405
Mayday Bookstore, 301 Cedar Ave. So. Mpls., MN. 55454
AK Press Distribution, P.O. Box 40682, San Francisco, Ca. 94140
Quimby's Bookstore, 1854 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL. 60622
Extreme Noise, 407 W. Lake St. Mpls., MN. 55408;
Stickfigure Distribution, P.O. Box 55462, Atlanta, GA. 30308
Great Worm Express Distro, P.O. Box 19013, 360A Bloor St. West, Toronto, ON., M5S 1x1, Canada
Microcosm Publishing West, 5307 No. Minnesota Ave., Portland, OR. 97217
Microcosm Publishing East, 222 Rogers St., Bloomington, IN. 47404
Left Bank Distribution, 92 Pike St.- Box B, Seattle, WA., 98101
Atomic Books, 1100 W. 36th St. Baltimore, MD. 21211
Time Tested Books, 1114 21st St. Sacramento, CA. 95814

SMT\$! can be perused at the following locations:

Denver Zine Library, 1644 Platt Street, Denver, CO.
Santa Cruz Anarchist Infoshop, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA.
Popular Culture Library, William T. Jerome Library., 4th Flr., Bowling Green State U., Bowling Green, Ohio
State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisc.
Mansfield Library Small Press Collection, U of Montana, 32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT.
Rochester Infoshop, 222 Driving Park Ave., Rochester, N.Y.
Olympia, Washington Zine Library, (located in Last Word Books) 211 4th Ave. E., Olympia, WA.
Solidarity Radical Library, 1119 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, KS. 66044
Pacific NW College-o-Art, Zine Collection, 1241 NW Johnson St., Portland, OR. 97209
Massachusetts Winchester High School Zine Library, 80 Skillings Rd., Winchester, MA. 01890
The Catalyst Infoshop, 109A No. McCormick St., Prescott, AZ. 86301
Bill Hicks Resurrection Laboratory, 2915 Delafield, Houston, Tx.

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sue is dedicated to Dylan Drapeau age 17, best friend to Anthony's son since the 4th grade, who was T-Boned by an off-duty cop at an intersection. Not only is the impact of Dylan's death discussed, other articles included 'When Cops Commit Crimes', 'Anarchism -- The Advanced Studies of "Giving a Damn"', The Free School movement, notes on Michael Albert's talk to the SDS in Chicago and an interview with Anthony by Coyote Sheff. All of these zines are worth a couple of bucks. Free to prisoners.

COMER (Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform) *COMER Publications, 245 Carlaw Ave., Suite 107, Toronto, Ontario M4M 2S6*, published and edited by William Khrem. Always a good accounting of monetary and economic history (especially in Canada but also in the US) and monetary issues such as inflation and how money is used as a tool by those in power to gain more power and riches. Takes a little getting used to because it assumes some knowledge of economics but after reading it awhile one catches on to the overall discussions. 8 1/2X 11. \$3.95 per issue or \$35.00 per year.

13th Step CD; 13thsteponline.com. Forgot to review this CD last issue. This is a 3 song punk rock CD whose sound isn't to bad. The CD was engineered and produced by Bob Cain at Ambient Sound. You need to check them out online at the above address.

THE MATCH!; *Fred Woodworth, P.O. Box 3012, Tucson Arizona 85702.* Also forgot to review this zine last issue (I must be getting old). I always like **THE MATCH!**. Fred Woodworth is, in many respects, a well grounded individual who sees many issues clearly, especially issues concerning personal freedom. **THE MATCH!** is a reality check for me when I figure I have "The Truth" and feel others should see and believe the same things I do. Obviously I don't agree with him on everything but I always look forward to each issue. This zine perks my interest in many practical issues as well. I have, over the course of the last year, picked up a couple of older technical college books from used bookstores on offset printing and looked into the cost of older AB Dick and 1250 Multilith printing presses to run my zine on (I still fear it gets to cold here in Minnesota to run such a press well in a zero to below zero Fahrenheit garage). Excellent zine all the way around. 9 1/2X7, 84 pgs. Subscriptions are free but, knowing the costs of copying (vs printing) and the quality of this zine, it would be a good thing if you could send a few bucks for any issue you request.

The Student Insurgent #18.1 & 18.2; EMU, Suite One, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. 97403-1228. "A newspaper of the Eugene-Springfield, Oregon community." Articles covering local, national & international news; #18.1 is devoted to "the diversity issue" as noted on the cover. Also covers world news, the continuing war on labor, book & music reviews, and 'DIY Urban Herbal. Good art work. #18.2 has articles on challenging the Gods of Big Oil; neoliberalism and the coffee trade; economic biology; Commentaries; Eating vegan (including info on vitamins & minerals as well as recipes); licorice and yarrow in the Herban Urban; book reviews as well as re-occurring themes noted above. Newsprint format; about 28 pgs per issue. Subscriptions are \$15.00 per year or trades, free to prisoners.

VENT #4, People's Art Works; P.O. Box 755, Redway, CA. 95560. This issue covers the continuing saga of bugs from Mars (who look amazingly like Bush/Cheney and his gang) ruling the world. Glow in the dark ink is part of the cover. I like this zine just because the art work on the covers is so creative. 12 pgs without the cover. 5 1/2x8 1/2 double sided folded. Trades or a couple bucks. Ask them if they have any more of their

them anything that is abrasive to prison officials or express opinions critical of the government.

It pisses me off that authoritarians feel they can take it upon themselves to compel -- either by beating it into them, passing laws to make, prohibit or any number of other measures -- people into reading, thinking, feeling, or behaving because they think they have some inalienable right. We all know where Harold's lawsuit will eventually be filed --- the shitcan. A copy of this zine is being sent to the Oregon State Department of Corrections. We all know where this will end up also, but it will at least make me feel better. It makes me ask myself, 'What is Fascism'?

What is Fascism

Benito Mussolini, 1932

Benito Mussolini over the course of his lifetime went from Socialism - he was editor of Avanti, a socialist newspaper - to the leadership of a new political movement called "fascism" [after "fasces", the symbol of bound sticks used as a totem of power in ancient Rome]. Mussolini came to power after the "March on Rome" in 1922, and was appointed Prime Minister by King Victor Emmanuel.

In 1932 Mussolini wrote (with the help of Giovanni Gentile) and entry for the Italian Encyclopedia on the definition of fascism.

Fascism, the more it considers and observes the future and the development of humanity quite apart from political considerations of the moment, believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace. It thus repudiates the doctrine of Pacifism -- born of a renunciation of the struggle and an act of cowardice in the face of sacrifice. War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have courage to meet it. All other trials are substitutes, which never really put men into the position where they have to make the great decision -- the alternative of life or death....

...The Fascist accepts life and loves it, knowing nothing of and despising suicide: he rather conceives of life as duty and struggle and conquest, but above all for others -- those who are at hand and those who are far distant, contemporaries, and those who will come after...

...Fascism [is] the complete opposite of...Marxian Socialism, the materialist conception of history of human civilization can be explained simply through the conflict of interests among the various social groups and by the change and development in the means and instruments of production.... Fascism, now and always, believes in holiness and in heroism; that is to say, in actions influenced by no economic motive, direct or indirect. And if the economic conception of history be denied, according to which theory men are no more than puppets, carried to and fro by the waves of chance, while the real directing forces are quite out of their control, it follows that the existence of an unchangeable and unchanging class-war is also denied - the natural progeny of the economic conception of history. And above all Fascism denies that class-war can be the preponderant force in the transformation of society....

After Socialism, Fascism combats the whole complex system of democratic ideology, and repudiates it, whether in its theoretical premises or in its practical application. Fascism denies that the majority, by the simple fact that it is a majority, can direct human society; it denies that numbers alone can govern by means of a periodical consultation, and it affirms the immutable, beneficial, and fruitful inequality of mankind, which can never be permanently leveled through the mere operation



of a mechanical process such as universal suffrage....
...Fascism denies, in democracy, the absurd conventional untruth of political equality dressed out in the garb of collective irresponsibility, and the myth of "happiness" and indefinite progress....
...Given that the nineteenth century was the century of

Socialism, of Liberalism, and of Democracy, it does not necessarily follow that the twentieth century must also be a century of Socialism, Liberalism and Democracy: political doctrines pass, but humanity remains, and it may rather be expected that this will be a century of authority ... a century of Fascism. For if the nineteenth century was a century of individualism it may be expected that this will be the century of collectivism and hence the century of the State....

The foundation of Fascism is the conception of the State, its character, its duty, and its aim. Fascism conceives of the State as an absolute, in comparison with which all individuals or groups are relative, only to be conceived of in their relation to the State. The conception of the Liberal State is not that of a directing force, guiding the play and development, both material and spiritual, of a collective body, but merely a force limited to the function of recording results: on the other hand, the Fascist State is itself conscious and has itself a will and a personality -- thus it may be called the "ethic" State....

...The Fascist State organizes the nation, but leaves a sufficient margin of liberty to the individual; the latter is deprived of all useless and possibly harmful freedom, but retains what is essential: the deciding power in this question cannot be the individual, but the State alone....

...For Fascism, the growth of empire, that is to say the expansion of the nation, is an essential manifestation of vitality, and its opposite a sign of decadence. Peoples which are rising, or rising again after a period of decadence, are always imperialist; and renunciation is a sign of decay and of death. Fascism is the doctrine best adapted to represent the tendencies and the aspirations of a people, like the people of Italy, who are rising again after many centuries of abasement and foreign servitude. But empire demands discipline, the coordination of all forces and a deeply felt sense of duty and sacrifice: this fact explains many aspects of the practical working of the regime, the character of many forces in the State, and the necessarily severe measures which must be taken against those who would oppose this spontaneous and inevitable movement of Italy in the twentieth century, and would oppose it by recalling the outworn ideology of the nineteenth century -- repudiated wheresoever there has been the courage to undertake great experiments of social and political transformation; for never before has the nation stood more in need of authority, of direction and order.

If every age has its own characteristic doctrine, there are a thousand signs which point to Fascism as the characteristic doctrine of our time.
For if a doctrine must be a living thing, this is proved by the fact that Fascism has created a living faith; and that this faith is very powerful in the minds of men is demonstrated by those who have suffered and died for it.

lation of 27 bands equaling 27 tracks. It also came with a 7" record with 3 tracks by the band SICK 56 which I can't play because I don't have a turntable anymore. I used to have one and still have a ton of albums I'd like to play. Oh, well. The CD and album came with an 20 pg., 8x11, Issue #8, August 2005 band review zine entitled 'Blackpool Rox, music, gig and book reviews.' I keep getting stuff from these guys. The tracks are ok. All this stuff is put out by 'Just Say No To Government Music' (JSNTGM) which is supported by The Arts Council, The Blackpool Evening Gazette and The Arts Council of England. You will have to get this and make up your own mind. (Side note: I gave the 7" to an anonymous reviewer who said he kind of remembered the label from years ago. He believed they put out racist skinhead stuff at that time. We both agreed that it took quite a bit of money to produce such a thick, colored 7" record like the one I received for review and promo. He reported the band as average garage sound.)

P51s *Pussy Magazine*, #14; P51s *Pussy Magazine*, HCOI 1030, Kuonakakai, HI. 96748. Perzine. This issue is about P51 moving with her significant other from New York to Hawaii. It has many stories by her and others about their life experiences. It is filled with recipes and tidbits of info on this and that. Sections comprised of comics (very cute) crossword puzzles and follow the dots. Filled with what once would be considered risqué (or perhaps pornographic if you were a right-wing Christian) clip art. She appears to be very happy in her new home. 8x10 1/2 full-sized zine. \$4.00

South Chicago Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) Zine Distro, P.O. Box 721, Homewood, IL. 60430. Received a number of zines from activist/distributor Anthony Rayson. Many of these zines are written by prisoners and cover a wide range of topics, not sticking only to issues relating to imprisonment although that is a subject matter that is not lacking and which doesn't get covered any where else I'm aware of in the zine scene. Zines include: *The South Chicago ABC Zine Distro Catalog* (just what it implies); *Bomb Threat by Sean Swain*, *Insurgent candidate for Ohio Governor*. Great zine explaining Sean's position on 'the issues.' I can't help but agree with him on a majority of these issues. Lots of anarchist quotes by Voltarine DeCleyre, Peter Kropotkin, etc. (some of which I have used in this zine), 8 1/2x7, 52 pgs. No *Treason* No. VI, *The Constitution of no Authority*, by Lysander Spooner (1870). Always a great read about how we are not beholden to the Constitution of the United States. 5 1/2x8 1/2, 44 pgs. *Glee Club*, *Appetite for Truth* by Todd (Hyung-Rae) Tarselli. Comic book format outlining issues in the prison system. Good graphics, Hyung-Rae's not a bad illustrator. 8 1/2x7. *Each One Teach One*, *Interview Series*. Anthony Rayson interviews Talib Y. Rasheed and vice versa. Rasheed discusses prison and Rayson discusses anarchism. 5 1/2x8 1/2. 24 pgs. *They Will Never Get Us All!* by Harold H. Thompson. Discusses the "War on Terrorism" and the aftermath of 9/11. Contains his poetry, the role of prisons in the scheme of capitalism and the treatment of prisoners, the importance of supporting prisoners and his lawsuit against the state of Tennessee contesting the policy banning Anarchist publications/material in Tennessee state prisons. *Thought Bombs #27* written (mostly) and edited by Anthony Rayson. Anthony lives in Chicago. Many articles discuss issues in his city. This particular is-

(S)lo long as the people do not care to exercise their freedom, those who wish to tyrannize will do so; for tyrants are active and ardent, and will devote themselves in the name of any number of gods, religious or otherwise, to put shackles upon sleeping men.

-- Voltarine DeCleyre

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Zen Baby #17; c/o *The Dark Overlord of Duh Zen Baby Federation (Christopher Robin)*, P.O. Box 1611, Santa Cruz, CA. 95061-1611. I enjoy Christopher's zine. #17 has some excellent poetry, an interview with Misti Rainwater-Lite and a response to a letter Christopher received from Descant re: the difference between "low-brow" & "high-brow" literature. Along with this came a zine called '3160' #1 (I think) by, I suspect, someone in prison with the #3160567. All I remember about this full sized 81/2x11 zine is that he mentions his "homies" in zip code 90638 and alludes to the places and things they've done together but doesn't explain what they did. The word 'fuck' is used gratuitously throughout he zine and he talks a lot about fucking. I think he wants to fuck my sister, my mother, my girlfriend and wife; other people's sisters, mothers, girlfriends and wives. He believes everything will be better if we just don't pay taxes, but I wouldn't want to live in the world he promotes through his zine. **Impossible Time #2** by *Lewis Corder* #422735, *GBCI*, P.O. Box 19033, *Green Bay, WI*. 54307. Same format as *Zen Baby* and 3160 mentioned above. This is a much better zine in quality a content than 3160. Lewis talks about his falling out with his friend in prison due to the friend believing Lewis is a 'snitch'. Teaches the art of runic divination with some pretty good poetry scattered throughout. One other magazine came with these three called **POESY XXXIV #1** 'The Outlaw Poet', ISBN #1541-8162. P.O. Box 7823, *Santa Cruz, CA*. 95061. Email info@poesy.org or website www.poesy.org. Just as it sounds, this issue discusses the difference between mainstream and underground poetry. It has poetry and interviews with poet Todd Moore and Marc D. Goldfinger. I don't know much about this discussion so you will have to judge for yourself. 10 1/2x8, professionally printed an bound with a very nice shiny cover, 20 pgs. Subscriptions to POESY are \$12.00 per year for three issues.

Zine World #24; *January 2007*, P.O. Box 330156 *Murfreesboro, TN*. 37133-0156.

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Perfect Mix Tape Segue #3; *Joe Biel*, P.O. Box 14332 *Portland, OR*. 97293. Perzine of the changes in Joe and those around him throughout the years. A poignant reflection on how each individual life ends up wandering where it will and how people and things are always changing. Accompanying all this is his thoughts regarding bringing children into the world and his vasectomy. Also has a little section on 'Roommate Reviews #4,' which I could relate to. 81/2x7 folded, 12 pgs. \$1.00 or a vegan cookie.

CHOCHEERRY, Pigs Eye and the many-headed hydra; *Jon*, 2029 13th Ave. So. *Minneapolis, MN*. 55407. CD with 6 tracks. Can't remember where this CD came from. It was recorded in October 2005. It is a pretty nice anti-establishment folk album. Recorded in Minneapolis, Pigs Eye refers to the original name of St. Paul. The name changed when the business community wanted to make the city the capitol of MN. Pigs Eye was a real person, a French fur trader who lived with the native people. \$5.00 per copy.

The Ugly Truth about Blackpool, Vol. 1; *Blackpool Rox II*, c/o P.O. Box 1025, *Blackpool, FY3 0FA* or www.jsnigm.com. CD. Punk music from England of a compi-

Most states' Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections mission statements sound reasonable. *Prisons maintain a safe environment where offenders can reform themselves and return to society.* But, what do we see portrayed on TV? What do we hear from those who have spent time in prisons and jails? It appears that this is just another shuck and jive lie from our illustrious, benevolent and beneficent rulers.

More than 2 million people are incarcerated in the US, and over the course of a year, 13.5 million spend time in prison or jail.

67% of former prisoners are re-arrested and 52% (more than 1 million) are re-incarcerated. This means the system does not do a good job at rehabilitation, education, or in making 'good citizens' out of those incarcerated. Perhaps something is wrong with the "system" in which the prison system exists?

The cost of all this comes to \$60 billion a year. Year after year, over and over with no benefit to either prisoner or society and which takes billions and billions of dollars from education, housing, health care, urban renewal, etc.

To make matters worse proven programs and modes of incarceration that could reduce the prison systems failure rate have never been employed. And some of these programs have been around since 1974!

To top it all off, the prison system is used as a safety valve on the economy. Because there aren't enough jobs to go around it takes all the extra workers out of the labor force (many for drug offenses) and puts them in these "correctional facilities" where they are hired out to corporations, the prison, or the state for a profit. This keeps unemployment figures down which look good on paper and everyone can say that "the economy is doing great" when the truth is that the economy isn't doing well at all. Except for the stock exchange!

"No prayers, no legal enactment's, will ever rid society of crime. If they would, there would have been prayers enough and preachments enough and laws enough and prisons enough to have done it long ago. But pray that the attraction of gravitation shall cease. Will it cease? Enact that water shall freeze at 100 degrees heat. Will it freeze? And no more will men be sane and honest and just when they are compelled to live in an insane, dishonest, and unjust society, when the natural operation of the very elements of their very being is warred upon by statutes and institutions which must produce outbursts destructive to both themselves and others."

--- Voltarine DeCleyre

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"Superfluous and harmful, finally, are the laws for the protection of persons, for the punishment and prevention of 'crimes.' The fear of punishment has never yet restrained a murderer. He who would kill his neighbor, for revenge or for necessity, does not beat his brains about the consequences; and every murderer hitherto has had the firm conviction that he would escape prosecution. If murder were declared not punishable, the number of murders would not increase even by one; rather it would decrease to the extent that murders are at present committed by habitual criminals who have been corrupted in prison...." - Peter Kropotkin

A CHILL FOR WORKERS

US corporations wrapped up their fourth straight year of spectacular profit growth in 2006. But it reminded working people of what's been missing from their own paychecks including wages which have badly lagged behind inflation for much of this decade, terminated pension plans, reduced healthcare benefits, and increased outsourcing of jobs overseas.

Corporations' tight controls over spending have also helped earnings to soar. And because labor is, as seen from the businessman's perspective, their largest expense overall, the damping of growth in wages and benefits has been a key contributor to corporate America's profit success in the past 10 years. Corporations whine self-pityingly, 'We can't afford anything'. Among these soaring earnings that's not irony, it's hypocrisy.

There has been ten years of great productivity growth, and workers see no gain for it. Those productivity gains have flowed to corporations and their shareholders, not to you or me or those living in the street, out of their cars, single mothers, families working full-time but still living below the poverty line and having no health insurance for themselves and their children and a host of others.

On Wall Street, analysts believe that the profit locomotive will slow sharply in 2007. This means any increase in your paycheck won't be there as the economy goes in the tank. Corporate leaders say they shouldn't be forced to defend the profitability of their businesses while this occurs. The executive director of the Business Roundtable, an association of 160 radical and extremist right-wing chief executives of major

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Five years after after the institution of 'No Child Left Behind' (NCLB), there is statistical evidence that the NCLB programs are damaging students and contributing to the maintenance of an uneducated workforce. The creation of this cheap, unorganized labor force by NCLB for the service industry is evidence that NCLB's failure is deliberate.

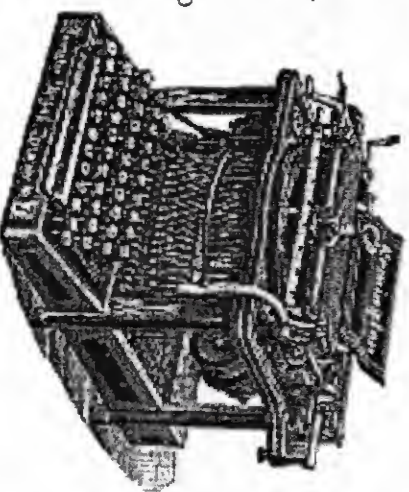
Norm referenced tests such as NCLB have been used for over a century. Thirty years prior to the Civil War a precursor to the IQ test was used to justify slavery by claiming that the slaves were of inferior genetic stock. After the IQ test was developed, it was put to use to assess the intelligence of immigrants arriving to the US via Ellis Island. The 1917 study concluded that 83% of Jews, 79% of Italians, and 87% of Russians were "feeble minded adults" with a mental age under five years. This study was used to help stem the tide of immigration. In the late 1960's the IQ test was put to use against Civil Rights laws, the Voting Rights Act, affirmative action, etc., claiming that African-Americans had 'significantly lower' IQ's that whites and it was therefore wasteful to spend educational dollars on them. This argument was then used to dismantle educational programs such as Head Start. Obviously this is part of a historic campaign of internal colonialism.

The standardized tests of the NCLB campaign are being used to legitimize the dismantling of public education by funneling tax dollars directly into the pockets of corporations such as the Sylvan Learning Centers and to the printers of materials related to standardized testing such as Total Reading, Inc. This increases corporate profitability while creating a cheap, uneducated labor pool.

The drive to privatize the public schools is led by the radical right-wing conservative institutions such as the Heritage Foundation, the Hudson Institute, and the Olin Foundation. All of these institutes have a long history of union busting activities and programs aimed at lowering wages and decreasing accountability.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Industrial Worker: *Official Newspaper of the Industrial Workers of the World.* Contact: IWW, P.O. Box 13476, Philadelphia, PA. 19101. Nov. '06; Dec. '06; Jan/Feb/March/April/May/June/July 2007; The IWW is a union for all workers, a union dedicated to organizing on the job, in our industries and in our communities both to win better conditions and to build a world without bosses, a world in which production and distribution are organized by workers ourselves to meet the needs of the entire population, not merely a handful of exploiters... "Up-to-the-minute detailing of union actions and organizing. Keeps track of labor actions going on just about everywhere and





as workers allow themselves to be the pawns of the ruling clique and maintain a slavish mentality toward their oppressors in government and the Military Industrial Complex.

All hell broke loose in the streets of France when employers attempted to place at will tags on its workers last year. The worker's rebellion was swift and fierce. In America, where the people always bow their heads to illegitimate authority, hardly a whimper of protest was heard.

Each year the American worker cedes more ground to the ruling clique without offering resistance. That ground was hard won with the blood and guts of our ancestors in organized labor -- a lesson we seem to have forgotten in this age of capitulation and moral cowardice. Thus we find ourselves as a class, and as a nation, falling deeper into the throes of darkening corporate and state fascism.

It is time to reclaim the fighting spirit that once characterized the American worker. It is time to bring back Revolutionary Unionism and the radical advocacy of worker's rights, including the public ownership of the mechanisms of production...

We [need] to learn the songs of Joe Hill, Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger -- songs that are deeply rooted in the class struggles of working people against their oppressors. And we have yet to learn the lessons of history, which condemn us to repeat them in an endless cycle of want and waste, war and famine.

Global Warming

Global warming is going to have a far more destructive and earlier impact than scientists previously estimated. The frequency of devastating storms will increase dramatically. Sea levels will rise over the century by around half a metre; snow will disappear from all but the highest mountains; deserts will spread; oceans become acidic, leading to the destruction of coral reefs and atolls; and deadly heatwaves will become more prevalent.

The impact will be catastrophic, forcing hundreds of millions of people to flee their devastated homelands, particularly in tropical, low-lying areas while creating waves of immigrants whose movements will strain the economies of even the most affluent countries.

A recent report by scientists points out that:

12 of the past 13 years were the warmest since records began;

Ocean temperatures have risen at least three kilometers beneath the surface;

Glaciers, snow cover and permafrost have decreased in both hemispheres;

Sea levels are rising at the rate of almost 2mm a year;

Cold days, nights and frost have become rarer while hot days, hot nights and heat waves have become more frequent.

Rises in greenhouse gases will make ice cap melting, rises in sea levels, flooding, cyclones, the spread of deserts, and storms an inevitable consequence.

Until we do, nothing much is going to change.

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No Treason

(4) All political power, as it is called, rests practically upon this matter of money. Any number of soundrels, having money enough to start with, can establish themselves as a "government"; because, with money, they can hire soldiers, and with soldiers extort more money; and also compel general obedience to their will. It is with government, as Caesar said it was with war, that money and soldiers mutually support each other; that with money he could hire soldiers, and with soldiers extort money. So these villains, who call themselves governments, well understand that their power rests primarily upon money. With money they can hire soldiers, and with soldiers extort money. And, when their authority is denied, the first use they always make of money, is to hire soldiers to kill or subdue all who refuse them more money.

For this reason, whoever desires liberty, should understand these vital facts, viz.: 1. That every man who puts money into the hands of a "government" (so called), puts into its hands a sword which will be used against himself, to extort more money from him, and also to keep him in subjection to its arbitrary will. 2. That those who will take his money, without his consent in the first place, will use it for his further robbery and enslavement, if he presumes to resist their demands in the future. 3. That it is a perfect absurdity to suppose that any body of men would ever take a man's money without his consent, for any such object as they profess to take it for, viz., that of protecting him; for why should they wish to protect him, if he does not wish them to do so? To suppose that they would do so is just as absurd as it would be to suppose that they would take his money without his consent for the purpose of buying food or clothing for him when he did not want it. 4. If a man wants "protection", he is competent enough to make his own bargains for it; and nobody has any occasion to rob him, in order to "protect" him against his will. 5. That the only security men can have for their political liberty, consists in their keeping their money in their own pockets, until they have assurances, perfectly satisfactory to themselves, that it will be used as they wish it to be used, for their benefit, and not for their injury. 6. That no government, so called, can reasonably be trusted for a moment, or reasonably be supposed to have honest purposes in view, any longer than it depends wholly upon voluntary support. --- *Lysander Spooner, No Treason, The Constitution of no Authority, Chapter III*

corporations, believes that outsourcing and the persistent threat of outsourcing, will help keep a lid on worker pay demands, particularly at the lower end of the income scale through 2007.

What's more, "a lot of us who are workers also are capitalists," said Barry Ellsworth, an economist at the Brookings Institution in Washington, another right-wing extremist organization. His argument is that small investors gain as rising corporate earnings boost the value of stocks held in retirement savings plans and other investment accounts. Here he is describing a shrinking middle class and the investors/parasites who feed off them through hidden and various fees and schemes.

To add insult to injury, many blue-chip firms have been using their cash hoards to buy record amounts of their own shares on the open market -- in order to push their stocks up -- rather than fund more business expansion or hiring. These decisions determine the long-term viability of the U.S. economy. But what can one expect from right-wing radical extremists? And few believe that either Democrats or Republicans would try to roll back the forces of globalization. But maybe globalization is their ultimate goal. To subjugate the whole world to the whims of one ruling plutocratic governing body.



A Permanent Underclass

The number of people living in severe poverty has reached a 32-year high reaching 16 million working people. Millions more are falling closer to the poverty line as the gulf between the nation's "haves" and "have-nots" gets bigger.

A family of 4 with 2 children with an annual income of less than \$9,903 (half the federal poverty line) was considered severely poor in 2005. So were singles who made less than \$5,080 a year.

The number of severely poor Americans grew by 26% from 2000 to 2005. Severely poor people aren't confined to large urban counties but extends to suburban and rural areas. The amount of money going to corporate profits has dwarfed the amount going to wages and salaries. While worker productivity has increased dramatically since 2001, the median household income of working-age families has fallen for five straight years.

People falling in deep poverty has climbed steadily over the last 30 years. But since 2000, the number of severely poor has grown more than any other segment of the population.

About 1 in 3 severely poor people are under age 17, and 2 out of 3 are female. Female-headed families with children form a large share of the severely poor. Severe poverty is worst near the Mexican border and in some areas of the South, where 6.5 million severely poor people are struggling to find work as manufacturing jobs in the textile, apparel and furniture-making industries disappear. The Midwest Rust Belt and areas of the Northeast have also been hard hit.

A Census Bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation shows that only 10% of severely poor Americans received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families in 2003 -- the latest year available -- and that only 36% received food stamps. This has been due to many peoples being dropped from the rolls, or unawareness that these benefits are available. **The byproducts of poverty -- higher crime, violence rates, poor health, nutrition and educational outcomes, are worse for those in deep poverty.**

America has had the highest or near-highest poverty rates for children, individual adults and families among 31 developed countries, according to the Luxembourg Income Study, a 23-year project that compares poverty and income data from 31 industrial nations.

With the exception of Mexico and Russia, the U.S. devotes the smallest portion of

"But who are the bad men among us... If by the men from whom the State must protect us we mean the criminals, then we know that they are not special creatures like the wolf among sheep, but just such men as all of us, who like committing crimes as little as we do; we know that the activity of governments with their cruel forms of punishment, which do not correspond to the present stage of morality, their prisons, tortures, gallows, guillotines, contributes more to the barbarizing of people than to their culture, and hence rather to the multiplication than to the diminution of such criminals."

— Leo Tolstol

have risen to record levels, while poverty and economic hardship have followed a similar, but downward arc, for the producers. The wealthiest people on earth are enjoying obscene profits by exploiting workers worldwide, especially in war torn parts of the world.

Just as it did in America, capitalism is not eradicating poverty and raising living standards in the rest of the world as its proponents so boldly proclaim; it is spreading deepening poverty, environmental degradation and economic and social disparity, while it intensifies socioeconomic class divisions, and foments war after imperial war in its quest for profits and hegemony.

As championed by the captains of industry, capitalism has always waged class war on the workers. The war on workers has resulted in a permanent war economy in the U.S., the demonization of revolutionary labor unions by corporate America and its media whores, and a steady supply of cannon fodder for imperial wars and occupations. Working peo-

2006 HOTTEST YEAR EVER RECORDED

2006 was the warmest in the continental United States in the past 112 years -- capping a nine-year warming streak that was driven in part by the burning of fossil fuels, according to the National Climatic Data Center. And the indications are that the rate at which global temperatures are rising is speeding up.

This reflects the long-term warming trend both in the US and globally. US and global annual temperatures are now approximately 1.0°F warmer than at the start of the 20th century, and the rate of warming has accelerated over the past 30 years.

The last seven 5-year periods (2002-2006, 2001-2005, 2000-2004, 1999-2003, 1998-2002, 1997-2001, 1996-2000), were the warmest 5-year periods in the last 112 years of national records, illustrating the out of the ordinary warmth of the last decade. The three warmest years on record are 1934,

1998 and 2006. In 1998, the record warmth was concentrated in the Northeast as compared with the Northwest during 1934. In 2006, much above average temperatures were present across most of the US. No state was near or below average for 2006.

Britain's Meteorological Office said 2007 is likely to be the hottest on record around the world, due to both greenhouse-gas emissions and El Nino, a phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean that upsets normal patterns.



Why are anarchists against the state?

ple must realize that foreign wars are an extension of the class war at home and refuse to take up arms in them.

Current events, including the occupation of Iraq, are the result that the ignorance of history condemns us to repeat...

As we look to the democrats in Congress to end the occupation of Iraq and to divert another impending disaster in Iran, we must recognize that, like the commercial media, these people are working for the plutocracy, not for the public good. Will funding continue for the occupation? The answer is a resounding "yes" as long

been extremely effective as a method of control and motivation.

If people ever earnestly study labor history, they are in for an awakening. They will learn about events that transpired in places like Haymarket Square, in Chicago; at Ludlow, Colorado, and in the hills of Matewan, West Virginia; the steel mills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the knitting mills of Massachusetts, and the rail yards at Martinsburg, West Virginia. The blood of striking workers was spilled at each of these sites by hired thugs -- Baldwin-Felts detectives, or state and federal militias and in thousands of other locations across this nation. These events are curiously omitted from the curriculum in our public schools because they might empower the people.

We owe something to those courageous souls and we should never allow their remembrance to lapse into an Orwellian memory hole created by historical revisionists. Through their example, we know that America was not always so tame, so indifferent, cowardly, or complacent in the face of injustice. Because of the fierce resistance of workers, we know that we have origins born of struggle and a fighting spirit to be free; a spirit that mostly lies dormant, but is not wholly dead. It is a history that might be re-awakened and taken to heart if we have the courage and the wisdom to embrace it, and to be as strong and tenacious as were our ancestors.

You see, the working people -- the men, women, and children who built America's railroads and highways, who harvested our crops and rendered our meat, and created the economic infrastructure, who fought and died in our imperial wars, have never enjoyed the same rights and privileges as the economic elite and property owners who paid their wages. They were never meant to, not even by the framers of the Con-

sitution.

The struggles of the working people were immortalized in the songs of Joe Hill, Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and many others. They deserve to be remembered because the stories they tell were based upon actual events. They are as relevant today as the day they were written, but they are no longer widely known. Matewan, West Virginia, and downtown Baghdad share more in common than one might think.

The economic, social, and environmental costs of corporate globalization are felt by workers around the world.

Corporate profits and CEO compensation

The DOOMSDAY Clock

Experts have added climate change, as well as the prospect of nuclear annihilation, to the greatest threats to humankind. As a result, the group has moved the minute hand on its famous "Doomsday Clock" two minutes closer to midnight.

The concept timepiece, devised by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, now stands at 5 minutes to the hour. The clock came into being 60 years ago, after the US dropped its Atomic bombs on Japan.

Not since the darkest days of the Cold War has the minute hand so close to midnight. In this new age, nuclear weapons aren't any use against loosely organized terrorist groups. But generalized nuclear war has become conceivable thanks to the fearless leaders of the US.

In 1947, the Doomsday Clock was first set at 7 minutes to midnight, where it has stood since 2002. The planet's closest brush so far with Armageddon came in 1953, when the clock's hand moved to 2 minutes to midnight after the US and the Soviet Union tested hydrogen bombs within nine months of each other. It was a frightening time for those alive back then. The clock now stands at 5 minutes to midnight.

its gross domestic product to federal anti-poverty programs, and those programs are among the least effective at reducing poverty.

This is wrong. This could be classified as a crime against humanity.
By the Numbers: States with the most people in severe poverty:



California - 1.9 million
Texas - 1.6 million
New York - 1.2 million
Florida - 943,670
Illinois - 681,786
Ohio - 657,415
Pennsylvania - 618,229
Michigan - 576,428
Georgia - 562,014
North Carolina - 523,511
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Real History

Lysander Spooner, *No Treason*, abridged from Section XIX, 1870

[In the US]... [t]here are only certain men, who call themselves presidents, senators, and representatives, and claim to be the authorized agents, *for the time being or for certain short periods*, of all "the people of the United States"; ... What is important to be noticed is that these so-called presidents, senators, and representatives, these pretended agents of all "the people of the United States," the moment their exactions meet with any formidable resistance from any portion of "the people" are obliged, like their co-robbers and murderers in Europe, to fly at once to the lenders of blood-money for the means to sustain their power. And they borrow money on the same principle, and the same purpose, viz., to be expended in shooting down all those "people of the United States" -- their own constituents and principals as they profess to call them -- who resist the robberies and enslavement which these borrowers of the money are practicing upon them. And they expect to repay the loans, if at all, only from the proceeds of the future robberies which they anticipate it will be easy for them and their successors to perpetrate through a long series of years (upon their pretended principals) if they can but shoot down now some hundreds of thousands and thus strike fear into the rest.

Perhaps the facts were never made more evident in any country on the globe than in our own, that these soulless blood-money loan-mongers are the real rulers; that they rule from the most sordid and mercenary motives; that the ostensible government, the presidents, senators, and representatives, so called, are merely their tools; and that no ideas of, or regard for, justice or liberty had anything to do in inducing them to lend money for the war [the Civil War 1861-1865. *No Treason* was written in 1870. ed.]. In proof of this look at the following facts...

We all professed long ago to have learned that the only legitimate objects of government were the maintenance of liberty and justice equally for all. All this we had professed for nearly a hundred years. And we professed to look with pity and contempt upon those ignorant, superstitious, and enslaved peoples of Europe who were so easily kept in subjection by the frauds and force of priests and kings.

Notwithstanding all this, that we had learned, and known, and professed, for nearly a century, these lenders of blood-money had, for a long series of years previous

to the war, been the willing accomplices of the slave-holders in perverting the government from the purposes of liberty and justice, to the greatest of crimes. They had been such accomplices *for a purely pecuniary consideration*, to wit, a control of the markets in the South. In other words, the privilege of holding the slave-holders themselves in industrial and commercial subjection to the manufacturers and industrialists of the North... And these Northern merchants and manufacturers, these lenders of blood-money, were willing to continue to be accomplices of the slave-holders in the future for the same pecuniary consideration. But the slave-holders, either doubling the fidelity of their Northern allies or feeling strong enough to keep their slaves in subjection without Northern assistance, would no longer pay the price which these Northern men demanded. And it was to enforce this price in the future -- that is, to monopolize the Southern markets, to maintain their industrial and commercial control over the South -- that these Northern manufacturers and merchants lent some of the profits of their former monopolies for the war in order to secure to themselves the same, or greater, monopolies in the future. These -- and not any love of liberty or justice -- were the motives on which the money for the war was lent by the North. In short, the North said to the slave-holders: If you will not pay our price (give us control of your markets) for our assistance against your slaves, we will secure the same price (keep control of your markets) by helping your slaves against you and using them as our tools for maintaining dominion over you; for the control of your markets we will have, whether the tools we use for that purpose be black or white, and be the cost, in blood and money, what it may...

And it was only by means of these loans that the objects of the war were accomplished...

The whole affair, on the part of those who furnished the money, has been and now is, a deliberate scheme of robbery and murder; not only to monopolize the markets of the South, but also to monopolize the currency and thus control the industry and trade, and thus plunder and enslave the laborers of both North and South. And Congress, and the president are the merest tools for these purposes. They are obliged to, for they know that their own power as rulers, so called, is at an end the moment their credit with the blood-money loan-mongers fails. They are like a bankrupt in the hands of an extortioner. They dare not say nay to any demand made upon them. And to hide at once, if possible, both their servility and their crimes, they attempt to divert public attention by crying out that they have "Abolished Slavery!" That they have "Saved the Country!" That they have "Preserved our Glorious Union!" and that, in now paying the "National Debt," as they call it (as if the people themselves, all of them who are to be taxed for its payment, had really voluntarily joined in contracting it), they are simply "Maintaining the National Honor!"

By "maintaining the national honor," they mean simply that they themselves, open robbers and murderers, assume to be the nation and will keep faith with those who lend them the money necessary to enable them to crush the great body of people under their feet; and will faithfully appropriate from the proceeds of their future robberies and murders enough to pay all their loans, principal and interest.

The pretense that the "abolition of slavery" was either a motive or justification for the war is a fraud of the same character with that of "maintaining the national honor." Who but such usurpers, robbers, and murderers as they, ever established slavery? Or

"Experience demonstrates, in fact, by every possible evidence, this opinion, which may seem paradoxical at first, that it is society which prepares the crime, and the guilty one is but the instrument which executes it." — *Adolphe Quetelet*



ionized, as so few of them are these days. Workers with strong union representation are not relegated to being at will employees, and they enjoy rights that at will employees do not, including greater job security, better working conditions, higher wages and more benefits.

The American workplace is sharply divided by class, like society as a whole, as part of the organizational hierarchy. The chain of command consists of owners, managers, and workers. The higher one is placed within the hierarchy, the greater his/her socio-economic status.

The pecking order can be further subdivided into two broad categories: White collar jobs and blue collar jobs. White collar jobs typically require more refined skills than blue collar jobs. They tend to offer better pay and more benefits, but also result in more stress, greater responsibility, and longer hours. The lowest level in the hierarchy are the drones, the workers - the producers of nearly all of the wealth. It is with this group that I am most concerned in this essay.

Under this arrangement, workers receive only a small percentage of the wealth they create for their employers, which is why capitalists created the private ownership of economic production. Such an arrangement provides inordinate

power to property holders and leaves non-property owners with little besides their labor to sell to the lowest bidder.

Social cooperatives, while imperfect and still forced to compete in capital markets, have provided considerable improvement and a measure of relief for workers over more conventional business models. The largest and most widely known example is the Mondragon cooperative in Spain.

The American worker, like the chattel slave before him, is kept in a state of perpetual ignorance by the plutocracy for fear that he/she might awaken and rebel.

Rebellion was the greatest fear that haunted the dreams of the plantation owners, and the uprisings led by Nat Turner and John Brown continues to trouble the dreams of the ruling clique, which explains why we are under constant surveillance by the government. They are looking for signs of trouble, the tell-tale smoke of social upheaval born of organization.

Students of American history, especially labor history, cannot help but come to the realization that we have been had, sold a defective bill of goods that can never work for us or the rest of the world.

The American dream is a myth that was fabricated in the corporate board rooms of America and perpetuated in the corporate media. Ninety-five percent of the people will never have pie in the sky, no matter how long and hard they work. A life of ease is something that is reserved for the privileged few who do not work and produce nothing. The myth was created to keep the workers striving, and to keep the rabble in line. It is a myth with the power of a paradigm and it has

Anarchism is the only philosophy which brings to man the consciousness of himself, which maintains that God, the State, and society are non-existent, that their promises are null and void, since they can be fulfilled only through man's subordination.

— Emma Goldman, "What is Anarchy?"

mitted suicide by self-immolation on the Kennedy Expressway near downtown Chicago during the morning rush hour of 11/3/06, as a protest against the Iraq war. Ritscher's suicide is one of only nine reported incidents of self-immolation performed as an act of protest in US history.

American Plutocracy and the War on Workers

by Charles Sullivan from www.dissidentvoice.org

During the height of chattel slavery in America, the plantation owners did not allow their slaves to be educated. An educated slave, they knew, was a dangerous slave who posed a threat to the status quo. Knowledge is power in the hands of an oppressed people. The ruling clique has always found mass ignorance to their benefit. An ignorant public, they know, is an easily deceived and easily controlled citizenry created to do the bidding of Plutocratic (plutocracy = rule by the rich) rulers.

Thus we have the commercial media, the church, and the public education system in all their incarnations, not as public servants, but as the tools of Plutocracy and empire. Their purpose is not to inform but to dominate and propagandize, which they do only too well.

We must continue to tell our own story in our own words or the official authors of history will tell it for us and render its accounts falsely. The history of working people is that of class struggle and oppression; a fight for equal footing and social justice against the owner mer-

chant class of old, and the ruling clique of today.

The American workplace is a strange and foreboding environment in which the worker enjoys few freedoms and protections. It is a decidedly undemocratic place where, strangely, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights hold little sway. Anyone who doubts this should take a job at Target or Wal-Mart and openly discuss forming a union. I have been escorted from more than one workplace for attempting to organize the workers. I speak from experience.

Typically, the American workplace has a hierarchical structure, usually with a white male presiding at the top of the organization, dictating policy and issuing orders. The workers, who produce the wealth by manufacturing a product or performing services, have little or no say in company policy or how the work is performed. While few workers are willing to view the workplace in such austere terms for reasons that should be obvious, the American place of work is essentially a plantation, a dictatorship, with a master and a bevy of slaves following orders in exchange for subsistence wages.

The vast majority of American workers are "at will" employees, which effectively makes them the disposable property of their employers. At will employees can be terminated without just cause or provocation. If the employer does not like one's clothes or the cut of one's hair, or the employee's politics, they can be terminated. The worker has little, if any, recourse to the courts for redress of their grievances; unless the workplace is un-

744,000 Are Homeless in US

The Associated Press reported there were 744,000 homeless people in the United States in 2005, according to the first national estimate in a decade. A majority of the homeless were single adults, but about 41% were in families.

California was the state with most homeless people, about 170,000, followed by New York, Florida, Texas and Georgia. Nevada had the highest share of its population homeless, about 0.68%. It was followed by Rhode Island, Colorado, California and Hawaii.

what government, except one resting on the sword, like the one we now have, was ever capable of maintaining slavery? And why did these men abolish slavery? Not from any love of liberty in general -- not as a justice to the black man himself but only "as a war measure," and because they wanted his assistance and that of his friends in carrying on the war they had undertaken for maintaining and intensifying that political, commercial, and industrial slavery to which they have subjected the great body of the people, both white and black. And yet these impostors now cry out that they have abolished the chattel slavery of the black man -- although that was not the motive for the war -- as if they thought they could thereby conceal, atone for, or justify that other slavery which they were fighting to perpetuate, and to render more rigorous and inexorable than before...

Their pretenses that they have "Saved the Country," and "Preserved our Glorious Union," are frauds like all the rest of their pretenses. By them they mean simply that they have subjugated and maintained their power over an unwilling people. This they call "Saving the Country"; as if an enslaved and subjugated people -- or as if any people kept in subjection by the sword (as it is intended that all of us shall be hereafter) - could be said to have any country...

The lesson taught by all these facts is this: As long as mankind continue to pay "national debts," so called -- that is, so long as they are such dupes and cowards as to pay for being cheated, plundered, enslaved and murdered -- so long there will be enough to lend the money for those purposes; and with that money a plenty of tools, called soldiers, can be hired to keep them in subjection. But when they refuse any longer to pay for being thus cheated, plundered, enslaved and murdered, they will cease to have cheats, and usurers, and robbers, and murderers and blood-money loan-mongers for masters.



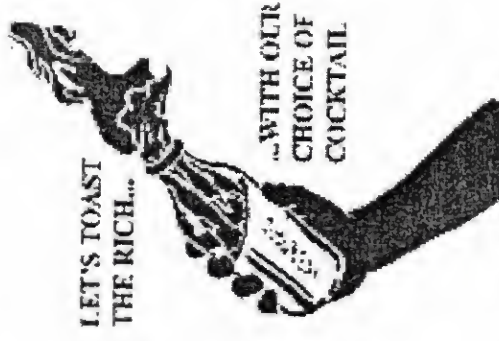
HOW MONEY is CREATED

abridged from the works of Michael Rowbotham

The financial system currently adopted by all nations is often described as "debt based", since the process of going into debt is relied upon almost exclusively to create and supply money to their economies. By the action of lending to borrowers, commercial banks create credit which is advanced to industry, consumers and governments. This "bank credit" circulates in the broader economy until such time as the loan is repaid. Such "bank credit" now forms 96% of the money stock in most industrial nations, with a mere 4% in notes and coins created by government, and free from any parallel debt.

Money is created in each of the following areas.

- * Private (mortgages, loans, credit-purchases) and Commercial debts
- * Government "national" debts



How Notes and Coins are Created

How BANKS CREATE MONEY for PRIVATE & COMMERCIAL Needs

If a bank makes a loan, nothing is lent, for the simple reason that there is nothing of substance to lend. The bank makes what it terms a loan against the amount of money deposited with it at that time. This is all done with the utmost ease. The bank has simply to agree that a person may take out a loan of, say, £5,000. The person taking out the loan can then spend £5,000 and hey presto! £5,000 of new number-money has been created. No one with a bank account is sent a letter telling them that the money in their account is temporarily unavailable, because it has been lent to someone else. None of the original accounts in the bank has been touched, reduced or affected. Nobody else's spending power has been reduced, but £5,000 of new spending power has been created; £5,000 of new number-money enters the economy at the stroke of a bank managers pen, but £5,000 of debt has also been created.

Thus, whoever takes out the loan will then make purchases and payments to other people, who will pay that new money into their bank accounts. Result: more bank deposits! As soon as the loan in the example above is spent, £5,000 will find its way into the bank account of a car dealer or DIY store; £5,000 of apparently new money. This is money which has supposedly been loaned, but the banking system doesn't distinguish this fact. It simply registers a new deposit, and regards it as new money. Total deposits in the banking system have therefore increased by £5,000. This is the boomerang effect of a bank loan by which a loan rapidly creates an equivalent amount of new bank deposits in the banking system. This effect was neatly summarized in a statement by Graham Towers, former Governor of the Central Bank of Canada.... "Each and every time a bank makes a loan, new bank credit is created -- new deposits -- brand new money."

The new money will provide the banking system with the collateral for more lending. This is the bolstering effect of a bank loan. As the total money held by banks and building societies [S&L's, ed.], becomes swollen by loans returning as new deposits this provides them with the basis for further loans.

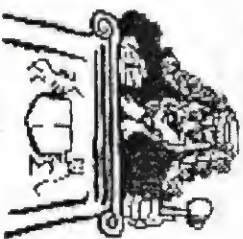
Perhaps the best description of this process of money creation was provided by H.D. Macleod : "When it is said that a great London joint stock bank has perhaps £50,000,000 of deposits, it is almost universally believed that it has £50,000,000 of

The Twilight of Personal Liberty

Assume that Canada and Western European countries have about the right number of people in jail. Assume that the social problem of crime is not terribly different in those countries than in the US. Understand the US incarceration rate is 5 to 7 times that of those other countries. If these assumptions, and this understanding, are even nearly valid, 80% of the people in American jails should not be there.

The heavy toll of jailed people reflects the extent to which the criminal process is used as a mechanism of social control, directed mainly at the poor and people of color. That is what I term the substantive aspect of the issue, which could also be called over-criminalization. Minor social deviance makes you subject to criminal punishment, and for terms that dwarf those imposed in other countries.

Lawyers, Judges and the Laws Fake Bargains, Michael Tigar, July-August 2001 Monthly Review



You'll get your freedom by letting your enemy know that you'll do anything to get your freedom; then you'll get it. When you get that kind of attitude... they'll call you an extremist, or subversive, or seditious, or a radical or a radical. But when you stay radical long enough and get people to be like you, you'll get your freedom...
--- Malcolm X

--- Malcolm X

Enrique Haroldo Gorriarán Merlo --- Argentine revolutionary and guerrilla leader. His family was affiliated with the Radical Civic Union and he was a leader of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) until the mid-1970s. After the fall of Isabel Perón in March 1976, the largely defeated ERP fled the country in order to reorganize itself. Merlo moved to Nicaragua to collaborate with the Sandinistas, and in 1980 he was involved in the assassination of dictator Anastasio Somoza Debayle, at the time exiled in Asunción, Paraguay. Gorriarán Merlo founded the All For the Country Movement (MTP) in 1985. He returned to Argentina in 1987. The MTP organized the 1989 attack on La Tablada Regiment, where 39 people were killed. Gorriarán Merlo was arrested in Mexico in 1995. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1996 and spent 8 years in the Devoto Prison. He was pardoned in May 2003 by President Eduardo Duhalde.

Joëlle Aubron --- French member of *Action Directe*. *Action Directe* was a French militant group which committed a series of assassinations and violent attacks in France between 1979 and 1987. The group was banned by the French government in 1982. In 1984 *Action Directe* allied itself with the German *Red Army Faction*. *Action Directe* has carried out some fifty attacks, such as a machine gun assault on the employers' federation headquarters on May 1, 1979 as well as attacks on French government buildings,

property management agencies, French army buildings, companies in the military-industrial complex, and the state of Israel. They have carried out robberies or "proletarian expropriation" actions, and assassinations, killing Engineer General René Audran, the manager of French arms sales, in 1985.



Paul Avrich --- Professor and historian of anarchism, Alzheimer's disease.

Murray Bookchin --- founder of the "Social Ecology" school of libertarian socialist and ecological thought. Radical anti-capitalist and vocal advocate of the decentralization of society.

George Albee --- Psychologist & former head of the American Psychological Association, argued that social problems contributed to mental illness. [Including personality disorders and alcohol/drug addiction?]

Bradley Roland Will --- Anarchist, documentary filmmaker and journalist with Indymedia New York City. Shot and killed in Oaxaca.

Anthony Marreco --- founding member of Amnesty International.

Malachi Ritscher (born Mark David Ritscher) --- Anti-war protester. Com-

of corruption issues brought it down between 1992-1994.

"What does this monstrous engine serve for, that we call the 'State'? For preventing the exploitation of the laborer by the capitalist, of the peasant by the landlord? Or for assuring us of work? For providing us food when the mother has nothing but water left for her child? No, a thousand times no..."
 --- Peter Kropotkin

Fernando Romeo Lucas García --- was President of Guatemala from 1978-1982. During General Lucas García's regime political repression and assassinations of major progressive opposition figures were incredibly high. He was also responsible for the infamous Spanish embassy fire in Guatemala City on January 31st, 1980 in which 37 people died. In 1999 criminal proceedings for torture and genocide against the Maya population began. But, the Venezuelan Supreme Tribunal (García was living in exile in Venezuela) denied his extradition in 2005, stating that the required evidence was not presented. García died in exile in Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela.

"The origin of the State, and its reason for existence, lie in the fact that it interferes in favor of the propertied and to the disadvantage of the propertyless."
 --- Peter Kropotkin

Alfredo Stroessner Matiauda --- served as President of Paraguay from 1954 to 1989. His father originally emigrated from Hof, Bavaria, Germany. His regime, which took part in Operation Condor with Augusto Pinochet, cost the lives of up to 3,000 people due to strong-arm tactics during his 35-year rule. His regime was about torture, kidnappings and widespread corruption, of which the "terror archives", discovered in 1992 in Asunción gave proof. This included Stroessner himself whose family

fortune is \$300 million. Stroessner showed definite sympathies to ex-Nazis and ex-Fascists, many of whom were in the approximately 200,000 Germans who came to Paraguay after World War II, a group that included the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele, for whom Stroessner repeatedly denied extradition requests to Israel. Stroessner twice denied extradition requests for Mengele. Stroessner also used ex-Fascist officers and soldiers in the army of Paraguay, some of whom belonged to the Ustase. In 1989, after 35 years in power, Stroessner was ousted by a coup d'état and he fled to Brazil, where he lived in exile until his death.

Friedrich Karl Flick --- German-Austrian billionaire. Youngest of the sons of Friedrich Flick, he worked in his father's company. In 1972, when his father died, "FKF" inherited the major part of the family business, which had made massive use of concentration camp laborers. The Flick family has a Nazi legacy and has always refused to pay compensation to wartime victims.

Kenneth Lay --- former CEO of U.S. energy firm Enron. Former head of 'Thieves 'R' Us.'

Milton Friedman --- Economist who was a skill for the rich and whose ideology was known as the "Chicago School of Economics" where he taught and which has become official US policy. These policies have been the direct cause of the death and immiseration of millions around the world.

John Kenneth Galbraith --- Economist and author (*The Affluent Society*).

Louis Rukeyser --- Sham TV economics expert.

"Exploiting and governing mean the same thing, the one completes the other, and serves as its means and its end."
 --- Mikhail Bakunin

actual money to lend out as it is erroneously called... It is a complete and utter delusion. These deposits are not deposits in cash at all, they are nothing but an enormous superstructure of credit." *The Grip of Death*, Jon Carpenter Publishing, 1998, pp. 11-13.

How BANKS CREATE MONEY for NATIONAL Needs

A country's national debt is completely separate from, and in addition to, the level of private and commercial debt directly associated with the money supply. The United Kingdom national debt in 1998 stood at approximately £380 billion. If the private and commercial debt of £780 billion and the national debt are added together, the total indebtedness associated with the UK financial system stands at some £1160 billion, which dwarfs the total money stock of £640 billion! How did this condition of overall negative equity come about? This excessive indebtedness -- which is a blatant misrepresentation of the real state of economic wealth enjoyed by the nation -- is a position shared by all the developed nations.

The national debt is actually composed of thousands of pieces of paper called stocks, bonds and treasury bills. These stocks and bills, known as gilt-edged securities, or gilts, are essentially elaborate forms of government IOU [treasury bonds in the us, ed]. These IOUs are issued because each year the government fails to collect enough in taxes to cover the costs of its public services and other spending -- and it borrows money to cover this shortfall. All government budgets overshoot by many billions of pounds, dollars or deutschmarks annually. This leads to what is called the *borrowing requirement* for that budget year. A country's national debt is therefore the total still outstanding on all past years' borrowing requirements; thus the UK national debt consists of £380 billion of these gilt edged IOUs, in the form of outstanding treasury bills and stocks.

The method of issuing these IOUs and administering the national debt is quite simple. In order to obtain money to cover its annual spending shortfall, an appropriate number of government stocks and bills are drawn up by the Treasury. These are then sold, in fact they are auctioned off in the money markets to the highest

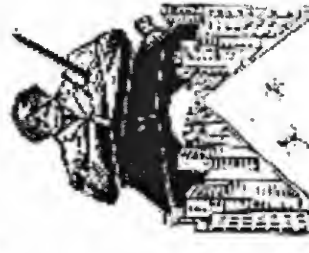
American Slave Labor

Inmates are being forced to work in toxic "e-waste" sweatshops.

US prisoners working for a computer-recycling operation run by *Federal Prison Industries* are being exposed to a toxic cocktail of hazardous chemicals through their prison jobs. Since 1994, Federal Prison Industries has used inmates to disassemble electronic waste (e-waste) -- old computers, televisions and related electronics goods -- for recycling. The waste contains high levels of arsenic, selenium, mercury, lead, dioxins and beryllium -- all considered dangerous by the EPA.

The report follows three years of scrutiny of Federal Prison Industries by the U.S. Office of the Special Counsel, the Operational Safety and Health Organization (OSHA) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility. But reforms? Come on! Get real.

Federal Prison Industries opened its first electronics recycling plant at a federal prison in Florida, in 1994. Now it is in six other federal prisons in the US. Inmates working for Federal Prison Industries are paid between 23 cents and \$1.15 per hour while the company recorded \$64.5 million in profits in 2005.



No Treason

In Europe [as in the US], the nominal rulers, the emperors and kings and parliaments, are anything but the real rulers of their respective countries. They are little or nothing else than mere tools employed by the wealthy to rob, enslave, and (if need be) murder those who have less wealth, or none at all.

[T]hat class of money-lenders of whom they are the representatives and agents -- men who would never think of lending a shilling to their next door neighbors for purposes of honest industry, unless upon the most ample security, and at the highest rate of interest -- stand ready at all times to lend money in unlimited amounts to those robbers and murderers who call themselves governments, to be expended in shooting down those who do not submit quietly to being robbed and enslaved.

They lend their money in this manner, knowing it is to be expended in murdering their fellow men for simply seeking their liberty and their rights; knowing also that neither the interest nor the principal will ever be paid, except as it will be extorted under terror of the repetition of such murders as for those which the money was lent is to be expended.

These money-lenders...say to themselves: If we lend a hundred millions sterling to the queen and parliament of England, it will enable them to murder twenty, fifty, or a hundred thousand people in England, Ireland, or India; and the terror inspired by such wholesale murder, will enable them to keep the whole people of those countries in subjection for twenty, or perhaps fifty years to come; to control all their trade and industry; and to extort from them large amounts of money, under the name of taxes; and from the wealth thus extorted from them they (the queen and parliament) can afford to pay us a higher rate of interest for our money than we can get in any other way...

And why are these men so ready to lend money for murdering their fellow men? Solely for this reason, viz. that such loans are considered better investments than loans for the purpose of honest industry. They pay higher rates of interest; and it is less trouble to look after them. This is the whole matter...

When these great lenders of blood-money...have loaned vast sums in this way, for purposes of murder...they sell out the bonds taken by them, in small amounts, to anybody and everybody, who are disposed to buy them at satisfactory prices, to hold as investments...

This business of lending blood-money is one of the most thoroughly sordid, cold-blooded, and criminal that was ever carried on, to any considerable extent, amongst human beings. It is like lending money to slave traders or to common robbers and pirates, to be repaid out of their plunder. And the men who loan money to governments, so-called, for the purpose of enabling the the latter to rob, enslave, and murder their people are among the greatest villains that the world has ever seen. And they as much deserve to be hunted and killed (if they cannot otherwise be got rid of) as any slave traders, robbers, or pirates that ever lived.

...These loan mongers...laugh in their sleeves and say to themselves: These despicable creatures who call themselves emperors, and kings, and majesties, and most serene and potent princes; who profess to wear crowns and sit on thrones; who deck themselves with ribbons and feathers and jewels; and surround themselves with hired flatterers and lick-spittles; and whom we suffer to strut around and palm themselves off, upon fools and slaves, as sovereigns and lawgivers specially appointed by Almighty God; and to hold themselves out as the sole fountains of honors, and dignities, and wealth, and power -- all these miscreants and impostors know that we make them, and use them; that in us they live, move, and have their being...and that we will unmake them, strip them of their gew-gaws and send them out into the world as beggars, or give them over to the vengeance of the people they have enslaved, the moment they refuse to commit any crime we require of them or to pay over to us such share of the proceeds of their robberies as we see fit to demand.

---Lyander Spooner, *No Treason*, abridged from section XVIII

Differences in wealth at the same level as before the 'Great Depression'!

The share of national income going to wages and salaries (according to the Commerce Department) hit a new all-time low in 2006 -- a year that saw corporate profits, as a share of national income -- hit an all-time high.

Back in 1928, the last full year before the Great Depression began, the families that made up America's most affluent top hundredth of 1% -- the richest of the rich -- pocketed incomes that averaged \$8.2 million, as measured in inflation-adjusted dollars.

The top hundredth of 1% in a society of 10,000 families would consist of a single family. In 1928, this top hundredth of 1% was about 5,000 families. These families averaged 891 times more income than families in the bottom 90% averaged.

Today, the figures for 2005, the most recent year with IRS data available, show that the top hundredth of 1% are averaging 882 times more than the bottom 90% average, a gap that's almost identical to the 891-to-1 divide in 1928.

One-half of US banking assets are in the hands of the 10 largest US banks. This amount is double that of 10 years ago.

New York City workers rely on food stamps and welfare to survive. Some 340 full-time city workers receive welfare in order to support their families because their pay is so low and 1 of 8,000 city workers receive food stamps because of "abysmally low salary."

350,000 people who have past-due accounts to the IRS, will be turned over to private debt collectors by 2008 of which there has been a 564% increase in the number of consumer complaints about harassment against US debt-collection agencies since 1999.

Economy grows -- Wages don't. Wages & benefits have declined by 2.5% over the past 5 years as working hours have increased. Pay is now 10% lower (inflation-adjusted) than it was in the early 1970s.

The jobless rate among veterans under age 25 of the Iraq & Afghanistan wars exceeds the US average by a factor of 3 to 1.

\$1,200,000,000.00 was given to Fortune 500 companies in 2005 in the form of "small business" contracts.

US is on the attack against elderly and poor. Europe is well known for its centuries long struggle against capitalism and its well developed benefits for workers, especially as seen from an American perspective. Much of this money went to the elderly and those on welfare.

Social expenditures of the EU 15 countries in 2001 was 24% of GDP while in the US it was 14.7%. The thing is, the US had a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) 50% higher than the EU 15.

The Obituaries

Notable Deaths 2006

Augusto Pinochet -- Ousted Chilean dictator who murdered thousands of his people (including IWW worker Frank Terruggi) to impose 'Neo-Liberal' economic policies in Chile.

F. Mark Wyatt -- a CIA officer who delivered bags of money to swing the 1948 Italian election away from the popular Communist Party to the US backed Christian Democrat Party. First posted to Italy, Wyatt delivered large sums of cash to Italian politicians as part a large scale operation to sway the results of the 1948 election. This operation continued until at least 1972 (24 years). The Christian Democrat Party dominated the government for nearly half a century until a slew

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(This is just a partial listing of the thousands upon thousands of layoffs that have occurred since last issue. These are only the lay-offs that have been reported! Many companies refuse to report the number of people they let go of. Many of these jobs have been sent overseas, many have been eliminated, and some have been bought out early.)

FUN FACTS

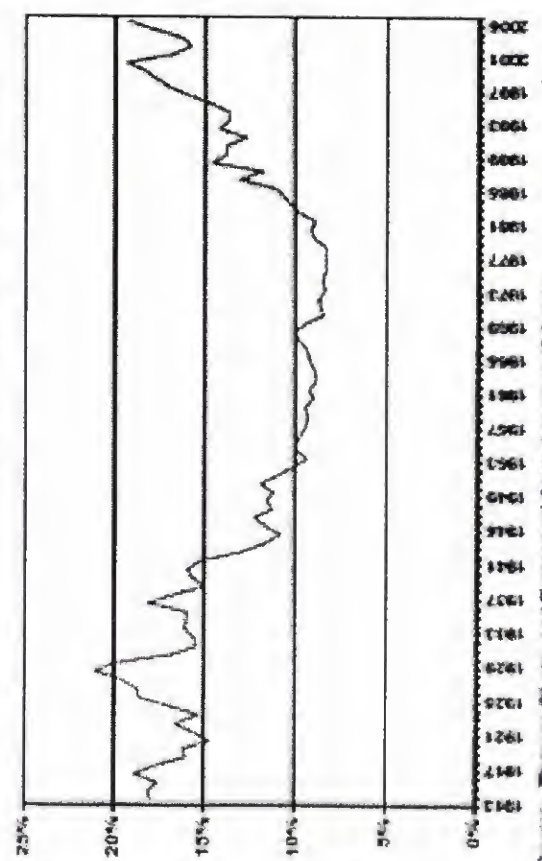
A Wal-Mart in St. Jeansur-Richelieu, Quebec, received a bomb threat and the bosses immediately had about 40 employees look through the store to find the explosives (it was ultimately found to be a false alarm).

The stronger authority grows, the greater the State and its power, the less it can tolerate a similar authority or political power along side of itself. The psychology of government demands that its influence and prestige constantly grow, at home and abroad, and it exploits every opportunity to increase it. This tendency is motivated by the financial and commercial interests back of the government, represented and served by it. --- Emma Goldman

FIGURE 1

Income Share of Highest Income Households Returned to Its Post-Depression High in 2005

Share of Total Pre-Tax Income Held by Highest Income 1 Percent



Source: Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez, based on IRS data

"Ask for work, if they do not give you work, ask for bread; if they do not give you bread, then take bread." --- Emma Goldman

bidder. This is done throughout the year to meet the shortage of revenue as it arises, and the announcements, in the form of government advertisements, can be seen regularly in the financial press. These stocks and bills are bought because they promise to repay a larger sum of money at some future date, and are sold at a price that promises a good return to whoever buys them. They are usually denominated in considerable sums of £1,000 or more per bond and are bought by insurance companies, pension funds, banks and trust funds... anywhere that money accumulates as savings. By selling these stocks, the government obtains the additional money it needs for the public sector, making up the annual shortfall in what it can't gather by taxation.

As these government stocks mature and become due for payment, the government has to find the money promised on those stocks, and pay it to the financial institutions that bought them. But governments are unable to pay this money owing on their past stock issues. Indeed, each government is confronted by the current year's annual shortfall in taxation receipts. The whole reason for the government issuing stock in the first place was because it could not cover its expenditure through taxation, and this annual shortfall is constant

There is no way a government can pay the money it owes. How then can the government pay up on its maturing stock? It has unwritten promises it cannot keep. What happens is that the government obtains the money to meet the payments due on maturing national debt stocks by selling more government stock to the financial institutions -- promising even more money in the future. The government draws up enough new stock to cover the repayments due on the old stock, sells this, and uses the money to pay off the old stock. Of course, when this new stock matures it too has to be paid off from the sale of yet more stock. The government manages to pay off the national debt, and not pay it, at one and the same time...

There is a pretense that this is not the true arrangement. That repayment of national debt stocks is actually accounted as coming from taxation, not from the sale of more bonds. But this repayment from taxation creates such a massive shortage in government revenues that can only be made up by the sale of more bonds so the net effect is that repayment is constantly deferred by the sale of further government bonds. This is what is referred to as interest on the national debt although it is not really interest in the conventional banking sense, but a constant rescheduling of a completely un-repayable debt. This deferral is not, however, the end of the story....

At the same time as deferring and re-mortgaging the existing level of national

The Historical Origins of Slavery

The historical circumstances of the origin of slavery in North America arose as a substitute for wage-labor at a time when there was a shortage of wage laborers. Slavery was nothing more than the anticipated and capitalized surplus value (or profit) to be rung out of a slave.

Now that there is an overabundance of wage-slaves (wage-labor) the question becomes what do you do with all the superfluous workers un-needed by the capitalist system of production?

debt, the government has to sell yet *more* stock to cover the amount by which taxation falls below what is needed to support its public services. *The national debt therefore escalates, increasing by the amount required to re-mortgage the past national debt, plus the shortfall in revenues to fund the public sector.* In 1960, the UK national debt was £26 billion; by 1980 it had risen to £90 billion. The national debt by 1998 stood at nearly £380 billion, and is likely to reach a trillion pounds within the next 20-25 years. In America, the national debt in 1960 stood at \$240 billion; by 2007 it has reached the level of \$8 trillion 8 hundred billion!

It should also be remembered that the money held by pension funds and insurance companies, or whoever buys the government stocks, is *money that had to be borrowed into existence in the first place.* In other words, by this process, governments borrow money which has already been borrowed into existence, and they thus create a second massive institutional debt in respect to money which already has a debt behind it! Adding the national debt to the total of private debt places a country and its people in a position of overall negative equity, owing far more on paper than the amount of money that exists in the economy. The Grip of Death, pp. 96-98.

So, in summary: Governments draw up official treasury bonds, and these are auctioned on the money markets. The bonds are bought by both the banking and non-banking sectors. When the non-banking sector (pension and insurance funds etc) purchases the bonds, saved monies are recycled into the economy through government spending. When the banking sector buys government bonds, banks and lending institutions create credit: There is an increase in the money stock. This money is spent into the economy through government spending. *Creative Accountancy, 1998, p. 29.*

How COINS and NOTES are CREATED

The significant point about coins and notes money created by the government is that this money is created *debt-free, and spent into the economy* by the government. This is a vital consideration, and it is therefore important to appreciate precisely how this injection of debt-free money is managed. Coins and notes are minted and printed by the government at no cost, apart from that of materials. Of course, governments have no particular need of these coins and notes; banks are the institutions requiring a supply of cash. The government therefore sells the coins and notes that it creates to banks, who pay by cheque, and the government acquires the face value of those coins and notes in number-money. The sum of money which the government obtains, and which is debt-free so far as the government is concerned, is then added to whatever taxation revenue has been raised



"The most absurd apology for authority and law is that they serve to diminish crime. Aside from the fact that the State is itself the greatest criminal, breaking every written and natural law, stealing in the form of taxes, killing in the form of war and capital punishment, it has come to an absolute standstill in coping with crime. It has failed utterly to destroy or even minimize the horrible scourge of its own creation.

--- Emma Goldman, "What is Anarchy?"

McData	150	FMC Technologies	70
Millennium Funding Group	150	Tweeter	70
TMC HealthCare	150	Home Depot	69
Featherlite	149	Atari	66
DeVry	145	The Hartford	63
Miva	141	Carusstar Industries	61
International Truck	140	Cranston Print Works Co.	60
Eufaula, AL. (condom makers)	140	Leapfrog	60
Bright Wood	140	Washington Quality Foods	60
Karl Schmidt Unisia	140	Countryside Home Loans	59
Tyler Pipe	134	H & R Block Mortgage Corp.	58
Bernard Matthews	130	Hypertronics Corp.	58
BASF	130	Sigecom	57
Dade Behring Holdings Inc.	130	Olin Corp.	55
T&G	125	World Heart Medical	55
McAfee	125	Adolor	52
Eaton	125	Blue Cross Insurance	51
Victor Forstman, Inc.	124	Master Financial, Inc.	50
Harcourt	122	California Casualty	50
Tower Automotive	120	Hydrogenics	50
Impac Mortgage Holdings, Inc.	120	A. Schulman, Inc.	50
Clear Choice	120	Mercury Marine	50
InterMune	116	Morton Salt	50
First NLC Financial Services LLC	113	Fremont Investment & Loan	50
United Technologies	112	Morticity	50
Armor Metal	112	Shenandoah Telecom.	50
Hartford Insurance	110	The Baltimore Sun	50
Felix	110	Pixelworks	50
Suitt & Company	108	Holiday Housewares	50
WMC-GEMB Mortgage Corp.	103	CNS	50
PMH	102	Newport News	50
Modine	101	Sarasota, FL. schools	50
Cincinnati Public Schools	100	Atlantic City Housing Authority	45
First Niagara Bank	100	Beckett	45
T.J. Maxx	100	ARC Automotive	45
Sprint/Nextel	100	Nymex	43
JDA Software	100	Norton Pike Industries	43
Guardian Loan (subprime lender)	100	Atlanta Journal Constitution	43
Mortgage Lenders Network	100	Albany Molecular Research Inc.	41
APL	100	Eaton	40
Medicaid	100	Dendreon	40
Creative Apparel	100	St. Paul Pioneer Press	40
Wheeling-Pitts	100	Carpenter Co.	40
City of Clearwater, FL.	90	Foremost Farms	39
MSC Software	85	Workforce Investment	38
Ansonia Copper & Brass	84	Denver Art Museum	38
Polaris Industries	77	American Superconductor Corp.	37
Merl-Korf Industries	77	Paul Financial LLC	36
Lenar Homes	76	Spacelab	36
Transmeta	75	Express Capital Lending	36
Fujifilm	71	Mercury News	35
Green Point Mortgage	70	Guardian Loan Co.	35
BCF Financial	70	Roseburg Forest Products	35
Philadelphia Inquirer	70	Omni Futon Furniture	33

to fund the public sector. Thus, coins and notes are created by the government, and an amount equivalent to the face value of those coins and notes is spent into the economy as a direct, debt-free input [The government does have the ability to run the country virtually debt free, but this does not serve their purposes, ed]. *The Grip of Death*, p. 14 www.ProspertyUK.com



A CURRENCY IN DECLINE.

The dollar has been depreciating against the euro since December 2006. Experts have been predicting for some time that the dollar would eventually go into a nose-dive, and now that time seems to have come. The US currency has lost 50% of its value against the euro, 40% of its value against the Canadian dollar and about 22% of its value overall worldwide. Yet Ben Bernanke, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, has done nothing but look on as the dollar plunges.

A sea change appears to be taking place on the international financial markets. For years, global capital flowed in only one direction, with \$2 billion going into the United States every day. Investors viewed the world's largest economy not only as a bastion of stability, but also as a place that promised the best deals, the most lucrative returns and the highest growth rates.

And Americans welcomed foreign investment. For them, it was almost a tradition to save very little and spend more than they earned -- thus achieving affluence on credit. Foreigners financed America's obsessive consumer spending, which spurred worldwide economic growth for years.

Because the US government was unable to fall back on the savings of its citizens, it too was forced to finance its budget deficit with foreign capital. Both consumer spending and the federal deficit kept the dollar high, because the rest of the world was practically scrambling to invest in the United States. This seems to have come to an end.

INVESTORS PULLING OUT

Investors worldwide are starting to pull their money out of the US. They have realized that a people and a country cannot live beyond their means in the long term. The US dollar's exchange rate is starting to crumble as a result of this withdrawal.

The depreciation is causing growing concern about what will happen to the global economy if the United States loses its role as an engine of growth.

There are two principal causes behind the most recent development. Both have to do with the fact that Europe is becoming more attractive for international investors compared to the US. On the one hand, interest rates in Europe and the US are moving in opposite directions. The ECB plans to continue to raise its key rates in 2007, whereas interest rates appear to have peaked in the US. This means that financial investments denominated in euros are yielding higher interest rates and are in greater demand internationally, which in turn leads to a rise in the euro.

The prospects for growth are also shifting. The US economy is cooling off. The US government recently lowered its 3.3% growth forecast for 2007. First quarter 2007 growth has been 1.5%. If Americans consume less as a result of a decline in foreign capital investment, the US could even face a prolonged period of slowed growth. Ex-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan remarked in April 2007 that he forecasted a

Chemtura	620	Arvato Services, Inc.	288
Technicolor	630	Hooker Wood (furniture)	280
Option One Mortgage Corp.	600	St. Joe Co.	280
Amdocs	600	Fremont Investment & Loan	270
Boston Scientific	600	Ligand	267
Volvo Cars	600	Minnesota Diversified Industries	250
Ameritrade Holding Corp.	600	Lane County, OR.	250
Whirlpool	600	Cone Denim	250
Sanmina-SCI Corp.	600	SanDisk	250
Guide Corp.	600	Chrysler	250
SouthStar Funding LLC	600	MTV	250
Time, Inc.	577	Elastic Corp. of America	230
City of San Diego	570	BankAtlantic	225
Citi Mortgage	557	Intermec	225
Birds Eye	550	Lord & Taylor	212
Liberty of Indiana (health care)	540	Aramark	208
3M	537	Frontier Airlines	204
NYSE Group	520	Acoustic Home Loans	203
Wells Fargo	514	Discovery	200
Anadarko Petroleum	500	Franklin Electric	200
General Motors	500	Abbott Laboratories	200
Texas Instruments	500	Harrah's	200
Anderson Windows	500	ConAgra	200
Aon	500	Stanley Furniture	200
USG	500	GTech	200
WMC Mortgage (part of GE)	460	Discovery	200
Oreck	450	Hendrickson Suspension	200
Dana Corp.	440	APW Enclosure Systems	200
Andersen Corp.	440	Avaya	190
Lending Tree	440	Austintown School District	190
AMD	430	International Legware Group	186
Deluxe Media	425	Culp	185
Masco Corp.	400	ResMae Mortgage Corp.	185
Warner Music	400	Metavante	180
International Truck	400	Windstream	180
Bosch	400	Tufts HMO	175
Icelandic USA Inc.	400	Philadelphia School District	175
TD Banknorth	400	Pier 1	175
NovaStar Financial	400	DuPage	174
Divosta	353	Seaswirl Boats	170
Allina Health Systems	350	Value Vision	170
Lawson	350	Morgan Stanley	170
Weyerhaeuser	340	DCI Cheese	170
Collins & Aikman	330	Black & Decker	165
Furniture Brands	330	Diocese of Scranton schools	165
Sebring home lender	325	Passaic, N.J. Schools	164
Tecumseh	310	Hallmark	160
New Century	300	TRW brake plant	160
Nash Finch	300	Hummer	160
Georgia Pacific	300	Collis Inc.	160
Alan White Co.	300	Bobcat	155
Lego	300	Merge Technologies	150
Westell	300	Cooper Tire	150
Time, Inc.	289	ICI Paints	150

33% chance of a recession this year. In other words, it's going to be a bad year for anybody that works and pays bills. Don't get sick, don't let the car break down if you live any distance from work, buy a bike for back-up, maybe get a roommate.

The Ever-Longer Billionaire Parade

At least 946 billionaires now walk the Earth, 21% more than last year. These lords of avarice and greed now sport fortunes worth a combined \$3.5 trillion, over 35% more wealth than the world's billionaires held last year -- and nearly double the \$1.9 trillion in net worth the world's billionaires held in 2004. The 946 world billionaires, together, make up less than one-millionth of 1% of the world's adult population. Yet they own nearly 3% of the world's household wealth.

The wealth figures carry some geographical surprises. The United States still leads the world in billionaires, with 44% of the global total. But India now boasts 36 billionaires, 12 more than Japan. Germany still hosts 55 billionaires followed by Russia with 53 billionaires.

Eight American billionaires owe their fortunes to the Wal-Mart retail empire. On the overall list, nine billionaires have built their fortunes selling luxury goods to other rich people.

Why do so many Die Young?

Decent societies don't let young children die. Unequal societies do. Research in the Journal of Public Health show that children under five in rich countries whose wealth is distributed in a relatively equal fashion die half as often -- and less -- as young children in rich countries that allow the rich grab as much wealth as they can.

The four analysts behind the research, all from Scotland's University of Dundee, compared 21 nations that sport similar levels of gross income per capita, from the United States and Japan to Finland and Australia.

Their data reveal, a very strong association between income inequality and under-five child mortality.

The analysts measured inequality by contrasting, within each rich nation, the share of national income going to the top 20% of households to the share going to the bottom 40%. The United States, the data show, has the widest gap between top and bottom and the highest child death rate. Eight children, per thousand live births, die before age five in the United States.

In Japan, the most equal nation in the study, only 4.25 children per thousand die before five. In Sweden, a nation almost as equal as Japan, only 3.25 children per thousand die before five.



Poor human nature, what horrible crimes have been committed in thy name! Every fool, from king to policeman, from the flatheaded parson to the visionless dabbler in science, presumes to speak authoritatively of human nature. The greater the mental charlatan, the more definite his insistence on the wickedness and weaknesses of human nature.

--- Emma Goldman, "What is Anarchy?"



Lowering the Boom! The Layoff Scoreboard

Compiled from 10/31/2006 to 5/24/2007

Job Cuts by Corporations:

Ford (buysouts)	38,000	Centex	3,200
CitiGroup	17,000	TSB Group Plc	3,188
Chrysler	13,000	Astra Zeneca	3,000
Alcatel-Lucent (planned)	12,500	ING	2,500
Nokia Siemens	9,000	Coca-Cola (planned)	2,500
Masoco	8,000	Sanyo	2,500
Pfizer	7,800	Fremont Investment & Loan	2,400
Bayer	6,100	Clariant	2,200
Kimberly-Clark	6,000	Sanyo	2,200
Sprint	5,100	Wolfsely	2,000
Freightliner	4,750	BASF	2,000
New Century Financial Corp.	4,500	Pfizer	2,000
JAL	4,300	IRS (by 2009)	2,000
VNU	4,000	New Century Financial Corp.	2,000
Bank of NY/Mellon Bank	4,000	Xerox	1,900
ACC Capital Holdings	4,000	IBM	1,815
Motorola	3,900	Sarah Lee	1,700
Bank of America	3,650	Federated Department Stores	1,520
Circuit City	3,500	DuPont	1,500
Lloyds	3,500	Hershey Candy	1,500
New Century Financial Co.	3,200	American Axle	1,500
		Lenovo	1,400
		Hertz Rental Car	1,350
		Airtel	1,300
		Ford	1,100
		Goodgear Tire & Rubber Co.	1,100
		Sony	1,060
		GMAC Residential Capital	1,000
		NCR	1,000
		Hubbell	1,000
		Volvo Trucks	1,000
		Bank of Montreal	1,000
		Level 3 Communications	1,000
		Discovery Communications, Inc.	1,000
		Unisys	950
		ABN Amro	900
		Visteon	900
		EBay	900
		Symantec	875
		MLN (mortgage lender)	830
		Bayer	800
		Owint (subprime lender)	800
		Sovereign Bancorp	800
		Owens Corning	800
		Hoever	750
		Siemens	720
		Icos	700
		Longaberger Co.	700
		BB&T Corp.	700
		Peterbilt	667
		UPS	650
		Brunswick Corp.	650
		Tweeter Home Entertainment	650
		Hershey Candy	650